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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re original application of:

Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.
Application Serial No.: 09/883,130
Filing Date : June 15, 2001
Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING DIGITAL
IMAGES OF OBJECTS WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED
SPECKLE-NOISE PATTERNS BY ILLUMINATING SAID
OBJECTS WITH SPATIALLY AND/OR TEMPORALLY
COHERENT-REDUCED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION
Examiner : Ahshik Kim
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-106USA000

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in the present Application on August 13, 2003,
Applicants submit the following amendments to the same:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 14, 20, 22, 37 and 56 as follows:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): An automated ~~unitary-type~~ package identification and measuring
system comprising:

a housing;

a planar laser illumination and imaging (PLIIM) based ~~barcode~~ bar code reading
subsystem disposed in said housing, for reading bar codes on packages passing below or near
said system so as to identify said packages,

wherein said PLIIM based bar code reading subsystem includes

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